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As we send this edition off to press Britain is experiencing record high temperatures. It will be marvelous if the events that were postponed over the summer due to bad weather were able to go ahead in sunshine. Fingers crossed.

There is so much going on in September... Proms at the Castle, Fallfest, Bronte Festival of Women's Writing, East Riddlesden Hall talks in the garden, and more. Do take a closer look at the community pages.

I know it is frustrating to hear the word 'Christmas' in September, but it is important to secure your tickets this month if you want your chosen date to see Santa on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway in December...He is a man in demand and I'd hate for you to be disappointed. Have a fabulous month.

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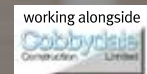
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**back to 'Rock You'  
27th – 29th Sept 2019**

Fallfest 2019 is set to break all records for  
footfall this year. Not only will they 'Rock  
You' with their Queen tribute headline act  
The Bohemians – BUT Fallfest is offering a  
unique first this year. Their regular troupe  
of performers, The Falling Stars Theatre  
Company, will deliver an immersive and  
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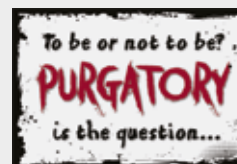
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Festival Vibe

Another first for Fallfest

this year will be a change

of venue. Major works

at Glusburn Institute has

meant the festival will

take place in and around

a super Festival Marquee

kindly hosted by Glusburn Cricket Club.

Festivities will commence on the Friday

with choirs from five of our local primary

schools involved in a themed Sing Off. Held

in the Festival Marquee this is a free event

and one not to be missed.

Saturday, sees the recurrence of Fallfest's

every popular Family Fun Day, featuring

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Interschools Cross Country; Teddy Tombola;

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With The Bohemians, lighting up Saturday

evening and with Music in the Marquee on

Sunday...the festival goer will undoubtedly

have worked up a thirst. What better way

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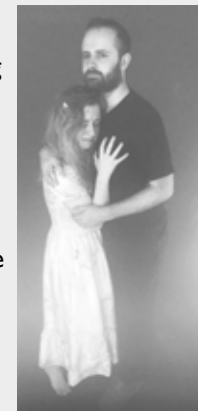
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# Sudoku

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After the work is complete, we will be getting ready to welcome visitors to the **Beer & Music Festival (17th – 20th October)**, with live music at both Oxenhope and Ingrow (on the Friday to Sunday), and well over 100 different real ales, plus ciders and gins, to sample during

the event. After that, our **Halloween Special 'Wizard Express' and 'Gatsby Murder Mystery'** services take the Railway to a scary place (full times and booking details are on the website), and then we look forward to welcoming Father Christmas and his Pixies aboard the **Santa Specials**. We opened for festive reservations in July and have already had a record number of bookings, so **please visit the website soon if you wish to travel on a particular date and time, because places will soon get very limited on some Santa Specials!**

As well as so much going on, we continue to run every weekend, as I spent a long time explaining to a visitor from Moscow recently. Alexey struggled to grasp that what has become a tourist line would be able to operate steam trains – primarily by volunteers – all through the depths of winter. Now I appreciate that the winters in the Valley are a bit less extreme than in Moscow, but nonetheless, we are often the only safe means of transport to and from Oxenhope and sometimes Haworth. Seeing Alexey marvel at the Railway's operation was a fantastic reminder of what 50+ years of effort and determination can achieve, and he has taken back to Russia our enthusiasm, quality and heritage as he strives to establish a steam-hauled operation just outside Moscow. What is great for you is that you don't need to travel much beyond your doorstep to enjoy what Alexey was willing to journey half way round the world to experience, so I do hope that we can welcome you on board soon!

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## Textile Appeal

Grab your cotton spools and thimbles, sewing is back in fashion! Retailers have been reporting a big leap in sales of dressmaking patterns and sewing machines, as a new generation battles with bobbins, pins and pinking shears.

More than 1 million people have taken up sewing in the last three years, according to research by the Craft & Hobby Trade Association (CHA-UK), and 7.7m now count making their own clothes as a hobby. Textiles have always been a massive part of Keighley's heritage, with its factories humming with the sounds of sewing machines. While many women used to learn how to sew from their mothers or grandmothers, more recently that transfer of knowledge has broken down. Keighley College has stepped in to provide a range of courses to help bridge that gap and create opportunities for students to learn a new trade.

After a period in the doldrums, the textile industry in the UK and in Keighley has been growing. In the last 10 years, this growth has led to a skills gap in the industry locally. This is why Keighley College's Textile Academy was set up, with a range of courses targeting those missing skills. The academy's latest offering is a Level 1 qualification designed for young

people aged 16-19 who are looking for a career in fashion or textiles. It provides students with the basic skills, knowledge and understanding to start in the industry with the opportunity to progress to a Level 2 apprenticeship.

Charlotte Meek, Course Leader for the Textile Academy, said: "Manufacturing in the UK is growing and textiles is no exception. The Textile Academy has strong links with local manufacturers, a growing reputation for excellence and a range of courses to suit all tastes."

"Whether you are a complete beginner just wanting to make yourself a skirt and give dressmaking a try or looking to start a career in fashion and textiles, we will have a course to suit you. Our highly skilled teachers are passionate about textiles and the industry they work in."

As well as the Level 1 full-time course, the college offers a number of Level 2 and 3 apprenticeships in fashion and textiles with local manufacturers and short courses to train unemployed students into work. Those looking for a more relaxed introduction to textiles can try dressmaking which is open to all levels on Tuesday evenings.

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# Autumnal hues



Hundreds of years ago East Riddlesden Hall was a family home that was once at the heart of the agricultural estate of c17th Riddlesden. It was saved from demolition in 1934 by the Brigg brothers of Keighley, and now offers a friendly Yorkshire welcome to all who pass through its 400 year old doors. As well as a historic house, there are intimate gardens waiting to be enjoyed.

These offer a relaxing space to unwind in and benches that invite you to pause for a moment.

At this time of year the colours in the gardens start to turn to rich shades of orange, purple and gold.

Throughout the gardens you'll see late flowering asters, verbena, daylilies, and scented clematis. Standing proud in the formal garden is the euonymus europaeus spindle tree – a tree rich in orange and scarlet fruit.

**Every Monday until 30 September, you can meet a member of the gardening team between 2-3pm** and tap into over 50 years of collective experience. Take a walk through the gardens and learn how to combine good design and colour with wildlife conservation.



The euonymus europaeus spindle tree

You'll leave with inspirations for your own garden and hints and tips towards greener gardening. Along the way you'll also hear about how the East Riddlesden Hall gardens have evolved and grown over time.

**Every Wednesday until 18 September between 1-3pm you can learn how easy it is to extract colour from garden plants to create your own natural dye.** You'll

be invited to experiment with colour at these drop-in sessions and have a go at the traditional technique of fabric dyeing. You'll also learn about what colour meant to the families who once lived at East Riddlesden Hall. Booking isn't needed but numbers are limited, and early arrival is recommended for these popular events.

The shop and tea-room in the historic bothy sells plants, local, and seasonal products, as well as homemade scones. Accessible tables are available on the ground floor and we're really proud that

the whole property has been awarded as dementia friendly.

**East Riddlesden Hall is open Saturdays to Thursdays, 10.30am-4.30pm.** General admission prices apply for the house and garden. Entry

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## BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM Brontë Festival of Women's Writing

Every September, the Brontë Parsonage Museum hosts the Brontë Festival of Women's Writing, and this year, the ninth festival will take place from Friday 20 – Sunday 22 September. We realised many years ago just how many writers working today list the Brontës as major inspirations, and call out Jane Eyre or Wuthering Heights as THE book that made them want to become an author. With this in mind, we created a festival that could highlight just how remarkable the work of Charlotte, Emily and Anne truly is, and that would also showcase the amazing writing being done by women today.

This year, we've worked with the novelist Kit de Waal to put together a festival weekend that celebrates and explores working-class writing and writers. The Brontës came from a world in which you very often needed social or family connections to break into the world of literature, which was based almost completely in London. 170 years later, things haven't really changed all that much, so Kit has put together a weekend of events that celebrate the amazing voices that don't always get heard.

Whether you're a budding writer, a keen reader or just looking for a fun way to spend a weekend, we've got something going on for you. If you've ever wondered what goes into taking a book From Page to Publication, our morning-long myth-busting session from 10am on Saturday 21st September features authors, publishers, booksellers and editors sharing information and tips and answering your questions. For



anyone with little ones, bestselling children's author and illustrator Nadia Shireen (Billy & the Dragon) will be hosting a storytime draw-along workshop from 2pm. Hotly-tipped debut author Sara Collins will be discussing her Jane Eyre-inspired novel The Confessions of Frannie Langton at the West Lane Baptist Centre from 3.30pm, and from 6pm we'll be hearing from some of the writers behind Common People, a new anthology of working-class writing. For a great Saturday night out, join us from 8pm for Words and Stories, a warm and funny evening of women's stories and poetry presented by Zena Barrie and Jo Howard, formerly of Verbose in Manchester.

Our Festival writer-in-residence Clare Shaw will be around all weekend, and is leading a poetry workshop on Sunday at 10.30am, which will centre on drawing inspiration from the churchyard and the world around you! Also on Sunday 22nd, Amy Liptrot will be talking about her stunning nature memoir The Outrun, from 2pm at West Lane Baptist Centre.

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**Long Lee Knit & Natter Group** meet on the last Wednesday of each month **1.45 pm to 3.15pm** at the **Village Hall**

**Keighley & District Photographic Association** meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm to 9.30pm at **Riddlesden United**

**Reformed Church, Riddlesden.** Visit [www.kdpa.co.uk](http://www.kdpa.co.uk) for programme of events.

**Long Lee Lego Club** 10am to 11.30 am is held on the second Saturday of each month at the **Village Hall**. All Welcome.

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**Keighley LGBT support group** meet every 3rd Saturday of each month. **12 -2pm** at **Keighley Healthy Living Centre, Scott Street, Keighley** (behind the Library).

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**First & third Wednesday of a month 10.30am** **Coffee Morning & Book Swap** at **Laycock Village Hall.**

**Sat 7th Sept 9am - 5.30pm**

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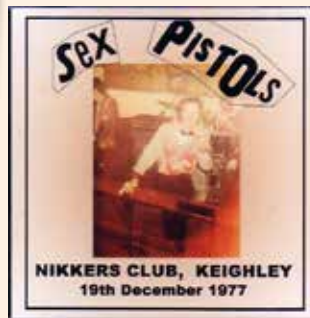
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## FORGOTTEN WONDERS Coffee Bars and Nikkers by Antony Silson



'Happy Days' Lynda Gunton, Janet Howick and Margaret Carter in The Palace Coffee Bar.



These hipsters think they're so trendy sitting in their coffee shops buying one flat white a day whilst banging out some grand scheme on their laptops, don't they? Well, Lynda Gunton was doing all that in the mid- sixties in the Palace Coffee Bar in Keighley Town Centre. You know, the one that was down the steps at the side of Drivers Coffee Bar? Drivers was where Speaks is now. Anyway, The Palace Coffee Bar was run by two Greeks called Costas and Georgio. Remember them?

Lynda kindly emailed me telling me all about how she used to spend most of her nights and weekends down there with her friends. It wasn't the most glamorous of places, but that doesn't matter when you're surrounded by your friends does it? Keighley has always had a grand tradition of local, independent coffee shops that didn't think they were all that. There were no big industrial metal lamps, no scrubbed wooden tables, no cookies for £3.95 and not a barista in sight! I'm sure Costas and Georgio wouldn't have considered making coffee that complex.

Another reader, Mrs Devona Eastbury, wrote that she "sooo wanted to remind you of the Olympic Cafe that was in the bus station next to the Co-op, in the place that is now Poundland". Much like the extravagant names of cinemas and nightclubs, these names give a certain amount of glamour and pin places to a certain era. Cafés are still part of the lifeblood of local towns, so please support your local ones. Now then, in next month's article I want your memories about bands you may have seen in and around Keighley. Did you see The Fall? Were you at a seminal New Model Army gig round here? Most importantly of all WERE YOU AT NIKKERS NIGHTCLUB WHEN THE SEX PISTOLS PLAYED THERE? If you can shed any light on the gig or tell me it's an urban myth then please do so. I need to know.



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